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SOUTH AND CENTRAL REGION CHECKS STORAGE SPACE;
KWANGSI GRAIN COLLECTION ALMOST COMPLETED.

Han-k'ou -- The Trade Department pu of the Central and South China Military and Political Council has issued strict orders to all trade agencies in the area regarding the inspection of warehouse and storage facilities for public grain and has charged the agencies with the responsibility for the condition of stored goods.

The directive instructs all cadres to inspect warehouses for proper arrangement of stored goods, ventilation, removal of spoiled goods, repairs to warehouses, etc.

GRAIN COLLECTION IN KWANGSI PROGRESSES -- Cents Nan-fang Jih-pao, 19 Mar 50

The bulk of the grain-collection work in Heng Hsien, Yung-shun Hsien, and Sui-lu Hsien in Kwangsi has been finished, with up to 99 percent collected. Because of the earnestness of the workers in the eastern area of Heng Hsien and their care in carrying out the policy, the people hastened to bring in their quotas ahead of time. A few landlords who deliberately delayed in the matter repented after they had undergone chastisement, orientation, and education according to the requirements of the individual cases.

In another area there was lack of firm control by local cadres which resulted in delay. After consideration of the matter in a cadre conference, a strong cadre group was organized. They went into the area and exerted heavy pressure in pushing the program, whereupon enthusiasm quickly arose and carried the program to a 92-percent completion by 10 February.

To complete the work in Heng Hsien, a conference was convened of the rural magistrates to explain the need to mobilize all the local officials and cadres to visit the farmers to urge the payment of the quota. At the same time they were told that propaganda should be used. Concrete examples should be cited of how to fulfill the quota quickly. The magistrates were sternly ordered to fulfill their responsibilities and pledges were taken that they would accomplish the task on time. They were told that resisters should be dealt with by law.

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In certain hsien of Kwangtung, the cadres in their reporting conferences discussed the weaknesses that had shown up in their experiences in the grain-collection work. By discussion of their pooled experiences they sought to improve their methods. One thing to which this group gave particular attention was the matter of storage facilities. Out of their discussions came certain definite plans with respect to granaries:

1. To evaluate carefully the security features of the granaries in the various rural areas, and the conditions surrounding their locations.
2. To combine small granaries, making control easier.
3. To organize small squads of poor farmers and farm laborers to guard the granaries.
4. To convene meetings of the local officials on the various levels in the areas where granaries are located and charge them with collective responsibility for the protection of the granaries and the organization of granary protection committees.
5. To establish organizations for the protection of the public grain and pay particular attention to the reliability of the personnel of the protecting organizations.

PROTECTS RENTER'S RIGHTS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 19 Mar 50

The People's government of Sui-lu Hsien, in accordance with a directive of the Kwangsi Province officials, has taken steps to protect the right of renters of work animals to continue to use them. Orders have been issued that no owner of rented work animals shall recall them without a good and sufficient reason, and then not without the permission of the local authorities. The order states, however, that the rental rate is a matter for agreement between owner and renter and not a matter for official cognizance.

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